LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

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Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement which includes references cited in an Official Action dated April 18, 2003 in the equivalent Chinese application to the aboveidentified application. Please note that publications JP 52-56869 and JP 58-204540 were cited in the International Search Report during the International phase of the above application, and were previously submitted along with a copy of the International Search Report on August 21, 2001. For JP 60-64437 submitted herewith, a translation of the application into English is required.

The Examiner is thus requested to consider the enclosed references and make them of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted.

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